

The Commonwealth of Virginia
BY THE NUMBERS

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Citizens of Virginia

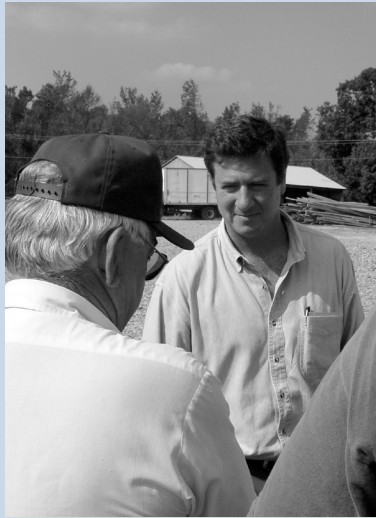
46,729
Constituent Letters Answered

160,957
Constituent E-mails Answered

13,469
Constituent Cases Resolved
Since Elected

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Offices to Serve You

Senator Allen's Traveling Office



Senator George Allen has six offices throughout the Commonwealth to assist citizens in cutting the red tape. In addition, Senator Allen regularly takes his office on the road during recess periods and schedules local office hours where constituents are able to meet with regional representatives.

Even when the office is not traveling, we are always working to help you expedite your requests or get answers to your concerns.



Cutting the Red Tape
Guide to Federal and Local Agencies

Please contact Senator Allen's Richmond office with questions if you need assistance with any federal agency.

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

(800) 827-1000 www.va.gov
The VA provides information on veterans' programs including: health care benefits, disability compensation, pension, education and training, life insurance and burial benefits.

Small Business Administration (SBA)

(804) 771-2400 www.sba.gov
SBA provides financial, technical, and management assistance to help Americans start and grow their businesses.

Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services (BCIS)

(800) 375-5283 www.uscis.gov
The BCIS oversees immigration programs including: citizenship, asylum, permanent lawful residency, employment authorization, refugee status, inter-country adoption, and replacement immigration documents.

Medicare and Social Security

Soc. Sec. (800) 772-1213
www.ssa.gov
Medicare: (800) 633-4227
www.medicare.gov
Health care and retirement security for people age 65 and older.

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

(800) 829-1040 www.irs.gov
The IRS maintains a Website with resources for taxpayers. You can download current year tax forms and publications, information about tax management products, as well as apply for a filing extension.

Farm Services Agency (FSA)

(804) 287-1503 www.fsa.usda.gov
The Farm Services Agency offers programs that help farmers stabilize farm income, conserve land and water resources, provide credit to new or disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, and help farm operations recover from the effects of disasters.

Report to the Citizens of Virginia

From the Office of Senator George Allen



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Dear Friend,

It is truly an honor to work for you in the United States Senate. One of my goals is to keep you updated on my efforts to make Virginia a better place to live, learn, work and raise a family. I am pleased to report that the past year was a tremendous success!

As your Senator, my commitment is to advocate and support policies that create jobs, ensure every child has a quality education and support our troops and law enforcement in the ongoing War on Terrorism abroad and in our homeland.

This year-end report will provide you with an overview of the progress we have made in 2003 on behalf of all Virginians. If you have any questions, or want to know when a regional representative will be in your area, please contact one of my offices throughout the Commonwealth. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on the trail ahead!

Sincerely,

Legislative Accomplishments in 2003

Senator Allen's top priorities in the U.S. Senate are to create more jobs and investment, and improve America's competitiveness. This includes providing strong schools with high standards of learning for our children, strengthening our families, protecting our seniors, and supporting the War on Terrorism.

In 2003 Senator Allen supported legislation:

For Jobs

- Creating jobs for all Americans by supporting President Bush's Jobs and Growth Package, which has enabled more Americans to keep more of their own money and strengthened our economy
- Protecting American copyrights and American jobs against foreign infringements
- Promoting jobs in Virginia by encouraging foreign investment
- Improving Virginia's infrastructure and creating jobs through the Highway Bill
- Working to close the "Digital Divide" for students at minority serving colleges and universities by providing grants to improve technology infrastructure and training
- Cutting taxes for all businesses through accelerated depreciation of computer software

For Families

- Ensuring Virginia's high standards for schools and accountability testing systems are protected from watered-down federal guidelines
- Extending the \$1,000 Child Tax Credit for American families for three more years
- Ending the unfair Marriage Penalty for all families

For Seniors

- Providing a Prescription Drug Benefit through Medicare so seniors will never have to choose between paying bills and taking needed medicines
- Strengthening Medicare and ensuring seniors have flexible healthcare options
- Ensuring Veterans receive the benefits they deserve through concurrent receipt

For Taxpayers

- Working to keep Internet access free from taxation
- Supporting President Bush's tax relief for America's families & workers
- Defending Family Farms and Small Businesses by eliminating the Death Tax

United States Senator George Allen - Examples of Progress In Your Area

Aid in the Aftermath of Isabel

Hurricane Isabel resulted in one of Virginia's worst natural disasters ever. Families, businesses and workers were displaced and power outages left many parts of the Commonwealth in the dark for weeks.

Immediately after the storm hit, Senator Allen traveled to many of the devastated areas in Virginia with Secretary of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge and representatives of the Small Business Administration, Farm Services Agency, FEMA and the Federal Highway Administration to personally assess the damage and bring direct assistance to those who incurred significant damage to their homes and businesses.

Together, they announced millions of dollars of federal assistance and low interest loans to help business owners and families get back on their feet.



Southwest Virginia

Appalachian Regional Commission—\$66 million in federal funds to support jobs, economic development and investment in the Appalachian region, which encompasses 23 counties and 8 independent cities in Virginia.

Grundy, Dickenson County and Buchanan Flood Control Projects—\$17 million in federal funds for three flood control projects that will protect jobs and lives in Southwest Virginia.

Virginia Tech's Center for Advanced Separation Technology—\$3 million to research innovative ways of producing clean coal more efficiently in an environmentally acceptable manner. This project will help to protect jobs in Southwest Virginia.

Fighting for Displaced Workers

From the moment Pillowtex Corporation announced layoffs in Virginia, Senator Allen worked with Senator John Warner and Congressman Virgil Goode to secure federal assistance for hundreds of displaced workers.

On August 19th, 2003, after personally speaking with U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine Chao, Senator Allen and Congressman Goode traveled to Martinsville, Virginia to announce the first round of federal assistance for hundreds of families and workers.

Throughout August and September, Senator Allen maintained personal contact with Secretary Chao and was able to secure TAA benefits worth millions to cover health benefits and re-training opportunities for these hardworking Virginians.

Continuing to fight for textile workers in Southside and Southwest Virginia, Senator Allen urged President Bush to impose textile and furniture safeguards to protect Virginia textile and furniture workers from the unfair international trade practices of countries like China. In November, President Bush announced the textile safeguards would be put into place, which Senator Allen called, "an aggressive step to safeguard Virginia's textile workers."

Western Virginia

ITT Industries Aviators' Night Vision Imaging System—\$7 million toward the development of enhanced vision technology for pilots that will bring high-paying technology jobs to Roanoke.

Avtex Fibers Plant Cleanup—\$5 million toward the cleanup of the closed Avtex Plant in Front Royal which will protect the environment.

Art Museum of Western Virginia—\$1 million toward the planning and construction of a new IMAX theater and improved gallery of 19th and 20th century American art at the Roanoke museum.

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation—\$1.5 million for The Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation to purchase, preserve and promote various Civil War battlefields throughout the Shenandoah Valley.

Northern Virginia

Dulles Rail—\$20 million for the planning and construction of 23.1 miles of heavy rail extension of the Washington Metro Rail System to Dulles to alleviate traffic congestion in Northern Virginia.

Reagan National Airport—Senator Allen was a strong supporter of re-opening Reagan National Airport to general aviation after the horrendous attacks on our nation in 2001. Working to protect aviation-related jobs in the region, Senator Allen pushed for a security plan that would allow for general aviation at this important hub.

Richmond Highway Public Transportation Initiative—\$3 million for improvements in transit facilities along Interstate

Central Virginia

Richmond Federal Courthouse—\$83 million to construct a new federal courthouse in Richmond which will enhance Richmond's downtown revitalization and bring more jobs and investment.

VCU Advanced Research in Batteries and Fuel Cells—\$1 million for the important research and development of more efficient fuel cells that will encourage more jobs in the energy field and make our nation less dependent on foreign energy sources.

Main Street Station—\$1.5 million for the restoration of Richmond's historic downtown train station. This 100-year old building will link downtown Richmond with cities throughout Virginia and the East Coast.

Hampton Roads

NASA Aeronautics Research—Senator Allen introduced legislation to dramatically increase funding authorization for aeronautics research and development. This measure will greatly benefit the NASA facility in Hampton and bring important jobs to the region.

Jamestown 2007—\$7.81 million for the planning, design and construction of a new education and visitors' center on Jamestown Island in time for the upcoming 400th Anniversary of the arrival of America's first permanent

Southside/Piedmont

Virginia Tech Summer Training Academy for Rising Seniors (VT STARS)—\$400,000 for an educational program in the City of Danville and Pittsylvania County for at-risk high school students focusing on science, technology, engineering and mathematics to enhance the skills and opportunities for students as they enter the workforce in Southside Virginia.

High-Value Horticulture Crop Development—\$450,000 to develop horticulture crops in Southside Virginia, boosting the economy and the efforts of farmers in this region.

Advanced and Applied Polymer Processing Institute—\$ 1.592 million for the creation of a polymer processing center with job-training courses and research facilities in Danville, Virginia.

Action on the Ghost Fleet

Senator Allen held an official Congressional field hearing at Fort Eustis in July, bringing attention to the aging Ghost Fleet of rusting ships that sit in the James River.

Shortly after the hearings, several ships were removed for dismantling, which Senator Allen praised as a "positive first step toward the day when the fleet no longer poses a threat to this region."

Senator Allen worked with his Virginia colleagues to secure \$50 million in the last two years to remove the aging ships to ensure the fleet no longer poses an environmental and economic threat to the James River and surrounding region. In 2004, Senator Allen will push for the removal of more ships from the James River.

The damage Virginia faces if one of these ships were to break apart would have a devastating impact on the environment and jeopardize many jobs that rely on commerce, tourism and fishing that are closely tied to the health of the James River.

